IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Masato FUJIOKA et al.

Title:

THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR INNER EAR DISORDERS

CONTAINING AN IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE

INGREDIENT

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Supplemental to the Amendment filed June 27, 2008, and in response to the August 25, 2008, Interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representative, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: